Export and Marketing of Shahtoosh Shawls

4332. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of ban on Shahtoosh Shawl, which is the world's famous shawl, is still exported or marketed in the country and outside;

(b) whether any cases have been registered since 1996 against the marketing or sale of these shawls; and

(c) if so, the details of cases and the action contemplated on such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 prohibits any dealings in Shahtoosh shawls. The Shahtoosh shawls are also on the negative list of the Export policy. However, several cases of smuggling/attempted smuggling of Shahtoosh shawls have been detected, both within the country and outside.

(b) and (c) The details of the offence cases relating to illegal dealing *;* In Shahtoosh shawls detected and the action taken in each case are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

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SI. No.	Name of accused	Date of Seizure	Details of Items seized	Action taken
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Sh. Maqsood Ahmed, New Delhi.	8-11-1996	10 Shatoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
2.	Arif Qureshi, New Delhi	11-8-1996	5 Shatoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
3.	Central Cottage Industry, New Delhi.	11-11-1996	12 Shatoosh shawls	Handed over to Customs Department.
4.	Shop selling Kashmir Shawls, Calcutta.	9-1-1997	3 Shawls	Filed in the Court.
5.	Ms. Tanwar Minassion and Ms. Aruna Suresh Handa	27-4-1998	7 Shatoosh Shawls	Filed in the Court.

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6.	Shri Rajinder Kumar Tikoo, New Delhi	28-5-1998	47 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
7.	Ms. Sunita Kumar and Sh. Samad Ahmed, Delhi	11-12-1998	11 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
8.	Ali and Tarique Shaukat, Bangalore	11-02-1998	4 Shahtoosh shawls	Handed over to Police.
9.	Sh. Mohd. Ishaq Baig, New Delhi.	3-3-1999	10 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
10.	Sh. Parveen and Sh. Samad Ahmed. New Delhi	14-3-1999	16 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
11.	Sh. Ali Mohd. Mir, New Delhi	15-3-1999	13 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
12.	Sh. Naresh Nam la. New Delhi	17-3-1999	96 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
13.	Sh. Mukhtar Ahmed lone. New Delhi	31-10-1999	10 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
14.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar, New Delhi.	25-11-1999	6 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
15.	Sh. Jagdish Mittal and Sh. Naveli Tuli, New Delhi	28-11-1999	1 Shahtoosh shawl	Filed in the Court.
16.	William Jean, IGI Airport, New Delhi	26-2-1999	12 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
17.	Sh. Hillal Ahmed Wani, New Delhi	5-3-2000	49 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
18.	Ms. Ritu Ansal, New Delhi	23-3-2000	7 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
19.	Shri Mansoor Ahmed, New Delhi	27-3-2000	7 Shahtoosh shawls	Filed in the Court.
20.	Sh. Mushtaq Ahmed and Mubashir Alam	2-2-2001	70 Shahtoosh shawls (26 pure Shahtoosh and 44 suspected)	Case under CBI Investigation